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SUBJECT: NEW RAILWAY LINE COMPLETED IN WEST SIBERIAN OIL AND
GAS AREA

1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS AND TELEVISION AUGUST 5/6 HAVE
GIVEN BIG PLAY TO COMPLETION OF TYUMEN-SURGUT RAILWAY
LINE WHICH EXTENDS 860 KILOMETERS FROM TYUMEN TO SURGUT ON
NORTH BANK OF OB' RIVER IN WESTERN SIBERIA. INAUGURATION OF
LINE COINCIDED WITH FIRST RAIL TRAFFIC OVER 2.5 KILOMETER
BRIDGE ACROSS THE OB', ONE OF LONGEST IN USSR. LINE WILL
CONTINUE FROM SURGUT EASTWARDS IN DIRECTION OF NIZHNEVARTOVSK
AND TO SAMOTLOR WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE FIRST RAIL
TRAFFIC IN 1976.

2. COMPLETION OF SURGUT LINE, REPORTEDLY RUNNING ABOUT ONE
YEAR AHEAD OF PLAN, WILL GIVE IMPORTANT BOOST TO DEVELOP-
MENT OF OIL, NATURAL GAS AND GAS CONDENSATE DEPOSITS NORTH
OF THE OB' AND IN SAMOTLOR AREA.

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